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1. POTENTIALLY SERIOUS CONFLICT OF INTEREST DEVELOPING WITH
FRG. FREQUENCY 1602 KHZ PRESENTLY USED BY MAIN BAYERISCHER
FUNDUNK (BAVARIAN RADIO) TRANSMITTER HAS BEEN MADE A LOW
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POWER CHANNEL BY CONFERENCE, AND ONE OF FRG'S MOST POWERFUL

LAENDER RADIO STATIONS NOW FINDS ITSELF WITHOUT A FREQUENCY IN DEVELOPING NEW PLAN. FRG ENGINEERS HAVE MADE EXTENSIVE COMPUTER ANALYSES IN DESPERATE EFFORT FIND ALTERNATIVE FREQUENCY AND ANSWER KEEPS COMING UP 1197 KHZ, WHICH STILL ONE OF BEST EUROPEAN FREQUENCIES. IN ADDITION, MUNICH VOA TRANSMITTER USING THIS FREQUENCY IS AT SAME LOCATION WHICH VOA LEASES FROM BAYERISCHER RUNDFUNK. US TEAM HAS BEEN ASKED SEVERAL TIMES, ALBEIT IN LOW KEY BY FRG, IF VOA COULD CONSIDER AN ALTERNATE FREQUENCY FOR MUNICH TRANSMITTER. SPECIFICALLY FRG HAS SUGGESTED 1278 AND 1296 KHZ, WHICH WE FIND UNSATISFACTORY (AND HAVE SO INFORMED FRG) BECAUSE OF USAGE BY FRANCE ON 1278 AND UK ON 1296 KHZ. WE HAVE ALSO TOLD FRG IT VERY UNDESIRABLE THAT VOA CHANGE FREQUENCY CONSIDERING HISTORY AND LONG PERIOD OF USAGE BUT THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE POSSIBILITIES. WE EXPECT INCREASING PRESSURE ON THIS ONE UNLESS BAYERISCHER RUNDFUNK CAN FIND SOLUTION.

2. CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN US TEAM AND FRG AND GREEK DELEGATIONS MAY BE PAYING OFF NOW IN RELATION TO YUGOSLAV AND DDR INTERFERENCE TO VOA AND RIAS FREQUENCY REQUIREMENTS. SITUATION NOT YET ENTIRELY CLEAR, BUT FOLLOWING CAN BE REPORTED. FRG HAD FOURTH MEETING WITH YUGOSLAVS ON OCTOBER 29, AND FOR FIRST TIME REPORTED SOME POSITIVE RESULTS. YUGOSLAVS HAVE DELETED REQUIREMENTS SUBMITTED EARLIER AT CONFERENCE ON RIAS 990 KHZ, MUNICH VOA 1197 KHZ AND SEVERAL FRG FREQUENCIES. THEY TOLD FRG THAT 612/792 KHZ SWAP NOW UNDER SERIOUS STUDY, AND THEY ALLEGED THEY ARE LOOKING FOR A SUITABLE REPLACEMENT FOR 792 KHZ. THEY ASKED FRG IF RIAS-HOF REQUIREMENT FOR 684 KHZ COULD BE DELETED SINCE THIS CAUSING INTERFERENCE TO PRIMARY BELGRADE CHANNEL. IN CONSULTATION BETWEEN TEAM AND FRG DECISION MADE TO DELETE RIAS REQUIREMENT ON CONDITION THAT YUGOSLAV DEL ASSIST IN GETTING DDR OFF 990 KHZ. (FYI-FREQUENCY 684 KHZ USELESS TO RIAS-HOF AT NIGHT DUE TO EXCEPTIONALLY HIGH LEVEL OF INTERFERENCE FROM YUGOSLAV STATION.) IN FURTHER STRATEGIC MOVE TO INFLUENCE DDR, 990 KHZ ADDED TO RIAS-HOF AS REPLACEMENT FOR 684 KHZ, THIS NOW SHOWN AS SYNCHRONIZED OPERATION WITH RIAS BERLIN. YESTERDAY, OCTOBER 30, FRG AND DDR DELS MET. FRG REPORTS CONFIDENTIAL

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COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE ON PART DDR. IN RESPONSE TO A DIRECT REQUEST BY FRG THAT DDR DELETE ENTRIES ON 990 KHZ, DDR STATED THAT THEY WERE LOOKING FOR A SUITABLE REPLACEMENT FREQUENCY. GREEK DEL HAS MET TWICE WITH YUGOSLAVS THIS WEEK, WHO CONFIRM THAT YUGOSLAVS ARE LOOKING FOR, BUT HAVE NOT YET FOUND A SUITABLE REPLACEMENT FOR 792 KHZ. THE YUGOSLAVS HAVE OFFERED TO DELETE EARLIER REQUIREMENT ON ATHENS FREQUENCY 728 KHZ, IF GREEKS DELETE PLANS FOR

A 300 KW STATION AT LIMNOS ON 819 KHZ WHICH GOY CLAIMS WOULD INTERFERE WITH YUGOSLAV STATION AT SKOPJE ON 810 KHZ. GREEKS REPLIED THAT THIS MUST AWAIT GOY DELETION OF 792 KHZ.

3. IN SEPARATE MATTER, GREEK DEL REPORTS THAT POLAND HAS COMPLAINED CONCERNING INTERFERENCE TO POLISH STATIONS ON 1260 KHZ FROM RHODES REQUIREMENT ON SAME FREQUENCY. POLAND SEEMS WILLING TO ACCEPT SHARING ON 1260 KHZ IF DIRECTIONAL ANTENNA AT RHODES CAN BE ALTERED TO PROVIDE 15 DB PROTECTION ON AZIMUTH OF 330 DEGREES. PRESENT RHODES ARRAY IS 2 DB DOWN ON THIS BEARING. REQUEST VOA ENGINEERS CHECK ANTENNA PARAMETERS AND ADVISE IF FEASIBLE TO ADJUST ANTENNA NULL TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL 13 DB SUPPRESSION. WILL OFFER THIS SOLUTION ONLY IF SERIOUSLY PRESSED BY POLES. FURTHER ON 1260 KHZ, GREEK DEL REPORTS THAT EGYPT NO LONGER PLANS USE THE FREQUENCY AND PRESUMABLY WILL DELETE THE REQUIREMENT.

4. WE MET OCTOBER 30 WITH LEE, ACTING HEAD ROK DELEGATION. LEE IS KOREAN OFFICIAL WHO ACCOMPANIED ROSS AND POHLMAN ON SITE SURVEY FEW YEARS AGO DURING ROK-USG DISCUSSIONS FOR VOA MEDIUM WAVE STATION IN KOREA. HE EXPRESSED REGRET THAT US CONGRESS DID NOT APPROVE PROJECT. LEE GAVE IMPRESSION ROK STILL INTERESTED.

A. KOREA PLANS INCREASE POWER REQUIREMENT ON 1170 KHZ AT SOGCHO TO 1500 KW. LEE ASKED IF WE WERE CONCERNED ABOUT ADJACENT CHANNEL INTERFERENCE THIS MIGHT CAUSE TO VOA OKINAWA ON 1179 KHZ. WE POINTED OUT JAPANESE FOOTNOTE WHICH STATES THAT STATION WILL CEASE OPERATIONS ON MAY 14, 1977. SINCE KOREAN 1500 KW STATION WILL NOT BE COMPLETED UNTIL AFTER THAT DATE, CONFIDENTIAL

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WE TOLD LEE THAT WE HAD NO OBJECTION TO ROK INCREASE OF POWER ON 1170 KHZ, PROVIDED JAPANESE DID NOT PLAN TO USE 1179 KHZ, AND THAT WE WOULD CHECK WITH JAPANESE DEL. IF JAPANESE NOT PLANNING TO USE 1179 KHZ, WE PLAN ADVISING KOREAN DEL TO CONSIDER USE OF 1179 KHZ, IF IT APPEARS TO BE BETTER FREQUENCY THAN 1170 KHZ, AND THIS MIGHT "PRESERVE" FREQUENCY IN THE EVENT GO-AHEAD IS GIVEN FOR NEGOTIATIONS FOR VOA MEDIUM WAVE TRANSMITTER AT SOME LATER DATE. DEPARTMENT COMMENTS REQUESTED.

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B. WE POINTED OUT TO LEE THAT ROK REQUIREMENT FOR
500 KW STATION ON 1143 KHZ MIGHT CAUSE INTERFERENCE
WITH VOA OPERATIONS FROM PHILIPPINES, EVEN WITH
DIRECTIONAL ANTENNA SYSTEM SHOWN IN REQUIREMENT. LEE
SAID THEY MAY DROP REQUIREMENT BECAUSE OF COMPLAINTS
FROM OTHER COUNTRIES, BUT IF IT REMAINS, POWER RADIATED
TOWARDS SOUTHEAST ASIA WOULD BE REDUCED TO BELOW 25 KW
TO AVOID INTERFERENCE TO VOA. THIS IS ACCEPTABLE TO
US TEAM.

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5. AFN UPDATE.

A. GERMANY - THE SITUATION CONCERNING AFN REMAINS FLUID AS THE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ARE ENGAGED IN NEGOTIATIONS DIRECTED TOWARD REDUCTION OF REQUIREMENTS AND POWER. THE FOLLOWING ITEMS HAVE BEEN PROPOSED BY THE GERMANS AS POSSIBLE BARGAINING POINTS NOTING THAT STATUS QUO IS STILL THE PRIMARY GOAL.

(1) CAN ALL AFN STATIONS IN GERMANY OPERATE SYNCHRONIZED ON ONE FREQUENCY AND CARRYING SAME PROGRAM? US REPLY WAS THAT IT WAS NOT TECHNICALLY FEASIBLE NOR OPERATIONALLY DESIREABLE TO OPERATE IN THIS MANNER. ITEM HAS NOT BEEN PURSUED BY GERMANS.

(2) COULD AFN GIVE UP 1107 KHZ? US REPLY WAS THAT WE COULD NOT GIVE THIS FREQUENCY UP BECAUSE IT WAS THE PROPOSED REPLACEMENT FOR 612 (WHICH IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR BREMEN) AND THAT IN THE ABSENCE OF FURTHER ALTERNATIVES, WE HAD GONE AS FAR AS POSSIBLE IN ACCOMMODATING THE YUGOSLAVS ON 612 KHZ.

(3) COULD AFN GIVE UP 1143 KHZ (STUTTGART) AND GO TO FM. US REPLY WAS THAT WE PREFERRED TO TALK ABOUT FM AT STUTTGART AFTER THE CONFERENCE AND THAT WE WOULD NEED ASSURANCE THAT AFN WOULD GET THE SAME COVERAGE WITH FM AS WITH THE PRESENT AM. FRG DELEGATE INFORMED US THAT GOY PLACES HIGH PRIORITY ON CLEARING 1143 KHZ IN ORDER PROTECT ADJACENT CHANNEL 1134 KHZ AND THAT MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WILL RAISE THE MATTER DURING FORTHCOMING MEETING IN BONN. REQUEST FINAL POSITION ON CONVERSION TO FM IF THIS ITEM SHOULD BECOME CRITICAL TO THE FRG WITH RESULTANT NEED TO DELETE 1143 KHZ.

B. AT PRESENT THE GERMANS HAVE NOTIFIED ALL LOW POWER (UNDER 1 KW) AFN STATIONS IN GERMANY ON LPC 1485 KHZ WITH THE EXCEPTION OF HOF AND WUERZBURG. THESE TWO STATIONS ARE CLOSE TO GERMAN LOW POWER STATIONS AND ARE THEREFORE BEING PROVISIONALLY NOTIFIED ON 1107 KHZ.
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THIS ACTION IS JUST FOR THE PURPOSE OF GETTING THE STATIONS INTO THE NEW IFRB PRINTOUT DUE ON 3 NOVEMBER. THE GERMAN FEELING IS THAT FINAL FREQUENCIES FOR THE LOW POWER STATIONS WILL BE WORKED OUT AFTER THE CONFERENCE.

C. KOREA- THE KOREANS ARE HAVING PROBLEMS IN
RETAINING THE FREQUENCIES ON WHICH THEY HAVE NOTIFIED
HIGH POWER STATIONS. IF THEY CANNOT GET APPROVAL FOR
POHANG (250 KW) ON 558 KHZ THEY WILL ATTEMPT TO RETURN
THIS FREQUENCY TO AFKN/SEOUL. IN ADDITION, THE KOREANS
HAVE BEEN ASKED TO CHECK THE POSSIBILITY OF PUTTING
AFKN SEOUL ON 549 KHZ WHICH HAS NOT BEEN NOTIFIED FOR
KOREA.

6. IFRB UPDATED COMPUTER RUN ON REQUIREMENTS IS DUE
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2 AND MAY CLARIFY SITUATIONS REPORTED
IN REGARD TO DELETION OF CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS (E.G.
YUGOSLAVIA).ABRAMS

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